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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Reissue application of:

**CUSTOMER NO. 35811**

Patent No. : 6,458,221  
Issued : October 1, 2002  
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: Yasushi Kato  
: Takumi Ujiro  
: Susumu Satoh  
Title : FERRITIC STAINLESS  
: STEEL PLATE

**Docket No.: 1529-RE-00****COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**Mail Stop Reissue**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

We, Hiroki Ota, Yasushi Kato, Takumi Ujiro and Susumu Satoh, declare that:

1. The information given herein is true.
2. We believe that we, the above-identified inventors, are the original, first and joint inventors of the invention described and claimed in Letters Patent No. 6,458,221, for which invention we solicit a reissue patent.
3. We do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before invention thereof by us. However, we believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of our claiming less than we had the right to claim in the patent.
4. The error arose because we did not claim that N should be present in an amount  $\leq$  0.08%. New Claims 7 and 8 now claim that subject matter.
5. The errors arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

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6. We acknowledge the duty to disclose the information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application.

7. We hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of foreign application:

11-088650, Japan, filed March 30, 1999

8. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the Specification, including the claims, all as in the original patent and as amended in this reissue application.

9. All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and thus such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

10. We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application for reissue and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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JFE Steel Corporation is a corporation of Japan having a place of business at 2-2-3 Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011, Japan, and is the owner of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified Letters Patent by Assignment. The predecessor to JFE, namely Kawasaki Steel Corporation, was the owner of the Letters Patent as shown in the Office records at Reel 9112, Frame 0637. Kawasaki Steel Corporation merged with Nippon Kokan Kabushiki Kaisha and the successor company is JFE Steel Corp. A copy of the papers evidencing the merger and resulting name are enclosed herewith. Those papers are being concurrently submitted for recordal. I have reviewed the records and certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that title is in JFE.

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-mentioned Letters Patent hereby assents to the application.

All statements made here in of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and thus such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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